

Church of the Immaculate Conception Castlecomer

25th May 2025

Parish Newsletter

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



+ BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO DIE IN THE LORD +

RECENTLY DECEASED:

William (Bill) Lyons, Love Lane
Breda Lambe (nee Dunne), Maryville and London.

ANNIVERSARIES MASSES WEEKEND 27TH/28TH

Sat 24th, 7pm: Sean Dowd, Upper Yellow Road
John Quinn, Barrack St
Mon 26th, 9am: James and Julia Brennan, Knocknadogue

Elizabeth Phelan, Mayhora; Kathleen Kenny, Barrack St.; Helen Lynch & Mary Houlihan, Kilkenny Rd

ANNIVERSARIES MASSES WEEKEND 31ST/1ST

Sat 31st, 7pm: John Brennan, Smithstown;
Dora Dempsey, Marymount (Month's Mind)
Sun 1st, 11am: Tom Kealy, Aughamuckey;
Violet and Peadar Madden, Kilkenny Road;
Patsy Egan, Donaguile
Valerie Kelly Conway
George Mealy, Kilkenny Street; Mary Walker

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION:

Week Ending 10th May: €2080.00
Sincere thanks to all who contribute to parish funds and to the clergy funds. Míle Buíochais.

Please note that when a funeral mass is celebrated on Sunday at 11am the anniversaries can either be included at that Mass or transferred to another date. Please leave a phone number when requesting an anniversary mass to enable contact from the office if and when necessary.

MINISTRIES IN OUR PARISH:

Ministers of Word:

7pm: Mrs Eithne McKenna
8am: Oliver McGrath/Fintan Barrett
11am: Mrs Helena Dowd

Ministers of Eucharist

Mon – Sat John Kelly
Sat 7pm: John Holohan
Sun 8am Lalaine Brennan
Sun 11am Angela Molloy

Parish & Diocesan Safeguarding

Diocesan Liaison Person: Ailish Higgins
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Parish Safeguarding Reps:

Eilish Dunne & Ger Comerford
Contact: Parish Email or 085 827 8729

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DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

Bishop Niall invites you to be part of the *Jubilee Year of Hope* Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, 30th May – 1st June 2025. This pilgrimage is part of the diocesan program for the Holy Year of Hope – details on the church notice board in the porch.

SUMMER SERENADE AT THE DISCOVERY PARK

The Castlecomer Male Voice Choir invites you to an afternoon of music, joy and incredible local talent in the enchanting Elf & Fairy Village at Castlecomer Discovery Park on Sunday, June 1st, 4pm - 8pm. An evening for everyone.

POPE LEO XIV...TRIBUTE TO HIS PREDECESSORS

At his first mass as Pontiff Pope Leo XIV wore a chasuble of Pope John Paul II—honouring the saint on what would have been his 105th birthday, May 18, 2025, the very day of his installation. The chasuble is the outer garment that the priest wears for the celebration of mass. Using the chasuble of St John Paul II has been widely seen as a powerful tribute to continuity and to his predecessors and another hint from Pope Leo of his future ministry. The chasuble was first used by Pope John Paul II on the Feast of the Epiphany in 1987 while Pope Benedict XVI used it on four major feasts. Pope Francis wore it 31 times highlighting its spiritual and pastoral significance.

Secondly, Pope Leo XIV used a pastoral staff that is steeped in significance. Many recognized it as the staff often used by Pope Saint John Paul II. Called a papal *ferula*, the staff is similar to a bishop's crosier but is topped with a cross or crucifix instead of a shepherd's crook. It is only carried by the pope, the Bishop of Rome – not used by another bishop. The crucifix was first used by Pope Paul VI at the closing of the Second Vatican Council in 1965. This crucifix, which was among several that Pope Paul VI had carried, was then used by Pope John Paul I in 1978. Pope John Paul II used it at his papal inauguration Mass, and then was often seen with this staff throughout his nearly 27-year pontificate, carrying it as he shepherded the Universal Church. Pope Francis also used this crosier shortly after he became pope in 2013, when he took possession of the Lateran Basilica as the Cathedral of the Bishop of Rome.

POPE LEO'S COAT OF ARMS

Pope Leo XIV's devotion to St. Augustine, his life and ministry as a member of the Augustinian order and his focus on the unity of the church are reflected in his episcopal motto and coat of arms. The coat of arms includes the traditional papal symbols of the crossed keys of St. Peter and episcopal mitre, a shield bears a silver fleur-de-lis set against a light blue background and a red heart topped by a flame and pierced by an arrow sit atop a red book framed by an ivory background. Pope Leo XIV's motto—IN ILLO UNO UNUM ("In the One, we are one") sits at the bottom of the crest. The motto echoes St. Augustine's sermon on Psalm 127, where he explains that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one." The blue field evokes the heights of the heavens and is distinguished by its Marian significance; the lily is a classic symbol of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The emblem of the Order of St Augustine, the heart enflamed and pierced by an arrow. Pope Leo XIV told us that "I am a son of St. Augustine, an Augustinian." The pierced heart evokes the words of Saint Augustine's: "You pierced my heart with your love". The open book symbolizes the Word of God that transforms the human heart, as it did Augustine's. White or ivory in the papal arms is a sign of holiness and purity.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – SCAIP AN SCÉAL

Cuireadh Oscailte - An open invitation to celebrate Education in Castlecomer Boys' School. 23 June, 6.30 – 8.30pm. All are invited –Pass the word.

Thanks

The Irish Cancer Society greatly appreciate the generous donation of €3891 from their recent Daffodil Day event. Thanks to the volunteers and all those who kindly donated to this worthy cause.

GLUTEN INTOLERANCE

If you have a gluten intolerance, please indicate so the minister at communion time to receive from the ciborium with gluten free hosts.

CASTLECOMER LIBRARY

Jigsaw Swap: Tue 27th, 7.30pm
Junior Book Club: Wed 28th May, 3pm
Crosswords and Coffee: Every Friday, 2.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tues 7pm – 9pm; Wed and Sat after Morning Mass.